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Mr Phelps

19 Dear Sir, I take the liberty of addressing you, although personally unacquainted with you, for purposes of information under circumstances as follows: For some time past this section has been agitated by the paradoxical opinions of a lecturess in the person of Miss Abby Kelly, but more recently, Mrs Abby Foster, the latter being the surname of a Husband who is Hierophant in the work of propagating the tenets of her universally negative faith. She passes from place to place among us, attacking every institution we cherish as the Civil Government, the Church, the Ministry, our Fathers, & in short all parties, & sects & men without reserve of any & with deference to none. As would be supposed, & as you perhaps are aware, she creates quite a sensation in the Church & out of it, for she appears in the garb of a devout Christian, quotes Scripture & claims for her deference the graces of morality & piety. Various reports follow her, some asserting her to be immoral, infidel & pernicious: others denying the same: some telling of overt acts in immorality, infidelity & wickedness & others denying the charge — If the former be true, she should be stopt, as she is wielding a dangerous influence upon the common cause of our country, posterity & the race; if the latter, she may proceed, & we await the eliciting of order out of confusion, by the providence of Him who worketh all things after the counsels of his own will — Supposing you may be in possession of facts, in reference to her true principles, character or acts, I thus familiarly address you & will briefly solicit the communication of the same hoping by their means to subserve the interests of humanity godliness & truth —

Awaiting such reply

I remain respectfully & obediently Yours

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